

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-20 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 21-40 as shown below in the detailed listing of all claims which are, or were, in this application:

Claims 1-20 (canceled).

21. (New) A film-forming composition for the manufacture of capsules, comprising:

- at least one compound of the heteroxylyan type,
- at least one plasticizing agent, and
- at least one gelling agent.

22. (New) The composition of claim 21, wherein the heteroxylyan is arabinoxylan.

23. (New) The composition of claim 21, wherein the plasticizer is chosen from the group of (poly)hydroxylated compounds, and more preferably still from the group comprising glycerol, sorbitol, polyethylene glycol, propylene glycol, maltitol, triacetin or mixtures thereof.

24. (New) The composition of claim 21, wherein the gelling agent is selected from the group comprising carrageenans (κ - and ι -carrageenans), gellan gum, pectins or mixtures thereof.

25. (New) The composition of claim 24, containing:

- from 20 to 99% by dry weight of heteroxylan,
- from 5 to 40% by dry weight of plasticizer, and
- from 0.1 to 20% by dry weight of gelling agent.

26. (New) The composition of claim 21, further comprising at least one bulking agent.

27. (New) The composition of claim 26, wherein the bulking agent is chosen from the group comprising carbohydrates such as sucrose, fructose, starch, cellulose, maltodextrins, cereal and noncereal flours, mineral fillers such as calcium, sodium or potassium salts or mixtures thereof, and preferably a maltodextrin having a Dextrose Equivalent value of 5 to 40.

28. (New) The composition of claim 27, containing from 0 to 70% by dry weight of bulking agent.

29. (New) The composition of claim 21, wherein said compound(s) of the heteroxylyan type is(are) preferably extracted from corn, rye or rice brans, or mixtures thereof.

30. (New) The composition of claim 21, wherein said compound(s) of the heteroxylyan type has(have) a molar mass of between 100 000 and 300 000 g/mol.

31. (New) The composition of claim 21, further comprising an additive or a mixture of additives chosen from:

- colorings, chosen in particular from the group consisting of titanium oxide, iron oxide, patent blue, quinoline yellow, orange yellow S, cochineal red A or chlorophyllin-copper complex,
- antioxidants such as ascorbic acid, tocopherol, butylhydroxyanisole (BHA) or butyhydroxytoluene (BHT).

32. (New) The composition of claim 31, comprising:

- between 0 and 3% by dry weight of coloring, and/or
- between 0 and 3% by dry weight of antioxidant.

33. (New) The composition of claim 21, wherein it is in the form of a solution, preferably an aqueous solution.

34. (New) The composition of claim 33, containing from 25 to 80% by weight of water.

35. (New) A method for producing film from the composition of claim 21.

36. (New) A film prepared from the composition of claim 21.

37. (New) The film of claim 36, having the following mechanical properties:

- a rupture strength of between 30 and 250 N,
- an elasticity of between 20 and 120 N.s⁻¹,
- a deformation of between 2 and 20%.

38. (New) A capsule prepared from a composition of claim 21.

39. (New) A soft capsule, comprising:

- between 60 and 99% by dry weight of at least one heteroxytan,
- between 5 and 40% by dry weight of at least one plasticizer,
- between 0.1 and 20% by dry weight of at least one gelling agent,
- between 0 and 70% of at least one bulking agent.

40. (New) A hard capsule, comprising:

- between 20 and 90% by dry weight of at least one heteroxytan,
- between 10 and 30% by dry weight of at least one plasticizer,
- between 5 and 20% by dry weight of at least one gelling agent,
- between 0 to 70% by dry weight of at least one bulking agent.